individual hospitals and giving its suggestions and recommendations on which action is being taken. While hearing the case on 12.3.2003, the Hon'ble Court has desired to know the action taken on the observations/recommendations made by the Committee. The case is listed for 30.4.2003. The matter is sub-judice.

Use of bacticide

3129. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during October, 2001 the Technical Advisory Committee on Malaria recommended the use of Bacticide under NMEP after due consideration of its bio-efficacy and cost effectivenes;

(b) whether during 1994, Malaria Research Centre reported that the application cost of Bacticide is around 2.5 times higher than chemical larvicides on the basis of extensive field trials and Government also purchased 164.8 MT Bacticide under NMEP during 1995-96; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the objections are being raised now after approval of the Committee for regular use of Bacticide ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Bacticide has been approved for use under NMEP as a decentralized item to be purchased by State Governments out of their own resources.

New Hospitals for CGHS beneficiaries in Kolkata

3130. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE :

SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new hospitals are being included in Kolkata to facilitate in-patient treatment of the CGHS card holders;

(b) if so, the details of the hospitals; and

(c) by when the scheme will come into effect ?